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Carlos Amoz, a Beck Group construction employee, discusses the locations of future projects as workers behind him return from a break.

Employers to provide water, rest breaks for construction workers if resolution passes

By Aaron West
Daily Texan Staff

Construction contractors in Austin may now be required to give water and rest breaks to their employees if City Council passes a resolution at its meeting Thursday.

The process of making the resolution an ordinance will include researching issues such as the appropriate break lengths,

which workers should be allowed to take the breaks and how close potable water should be located to workers.

"We want to make sure that workers have access to water, that they don't have to take a break to have access to that water and that the spirit of the federal law is upheld," said

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UT receives \$20 million for education research fund

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

The University announced Friday that the U.S. Education Department's Institute of Educational Sciences awarded a \$20 million grant to UT's Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk for research on reading comprehension and improving the reading skills of high school and middle school students.

UT is one of six institutions with research teams participating in the Reading for Understanding Research Initiative, which aims to boost national reading-comprehension levels by coordinating with leading researchers. The Meadows Center researchers will receive the grant over the next five years, until June 30, 2015.

Greg Roberts, associate director of the Meadows Center, said the grant will fund UT's portion of the IES program to study existing data, cognitive and learning-process models related to reading and reading difficulties, small-scale experiments and large-scale, randomized trials.

Roberts said the grant is the largest research award ever received by the College of Education.

"The focus will be on student learning and motivation," he said. "We will also observe instruction and other classroom processes as a way of understanding what works and what may work better."

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Bus rider safety jeopardized by faulty repairs, union says

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

Bus seats fixed with duct tape, disabled fire-suppression systems, engines ruined beyond repair — these are just a few of the complaints leveled against Veolia Transportation by union mechanics who claim the shortchanging of maintenance is endangering rider safety.

Documents obtained by The Daily Texan confirm union complaints about substandard maintenance work and practices at Capital Metro's subcontractor, Veolia Transportation.

"What they don't spend on maintenance, they get to keep as profit," said a mechanic who worked with Cap Metro for seven years and wanted to remain anonymous because of potential prosecution for violating a confidentiality agreement signed at the time

of his employment.

Instead of replacing a temperature probe on some of the New Flyer buses Veolia operated, the subcontractor disconnected the engine's fire-warning and suppressant system — potentially endangering passengers' lives, said Jay Wyatt, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1091, which represents bus drivers and mechanics at Cap Metro.

Replacing the temperature probe to repair the fire-suppression system properly would cost \$200, the anonymous mechanic said.

"I haven't seen it, but I wouldn't be surprised," Greg Talley, a Cap Metro mechanic for 19 years and member of the transit union's Maintenance Executive Board, said about the disabling of the fire-suppression

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Chelsea Kindley | Daily Texan Staff

Bilingual education senior Zuri Garcia waits for the No. 3 MetroBus at 23rd and Guadalupe streets.

Zoning proposal may increase rent costs

Regulations could limit shared living spaces, push students away from UT

By Destinee Hodge
Daily Texan Staff

The Central Austin Neighborhood Plan Advisory Committee met Monday to evaluate multi-family zoning laws in the West and North Campus areas, and

its evaluations will be presented to the City Council and could affect the cost and availability of student housing in the area.

Several neighborhood associations within CANPAC are in favor of MF-4, or multi-family, zoning regulations that would limit the number of shared living spaces in the area and would push cooperative housing farther from campus.

The proposal would increase the cost of rent for students living in West Campus, said John Lawler, CANPAC member and Student Government representative. Lawler believes students lack a voice on CANPAC, which he says is unacceptable, considering renters account for 70 percent of the area's population.

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'Cathedral of Junk' artist to keep landmark open

By Leah Wise
Daily Texan Staff

After announcing Thursday that he was going to dismantle the Cathedral of Junk, the world renowned "Junk King" of Austin, Vince Hannemann, has decided to apply for the necessary certificate to keep the cathedral open to visitors.

Hannemann had decided to apply for a demolition permit after he wasn't given a building permit to keep the cathedral in its original state. He said he felt that the continual dismantling of the cathedral was becoming too

much and, if it continued, the structure would no longer be the Cathedral of Junk.

Hannemann already had removed 30 to 40 percent of the cathedral and had decided to obtain a demolition permit to subdivide it when former Sen. Chuck Herring, D-Austin, called Hannemann and explained that the city of Austin did not want him to dismantle it any further.

"I don't want to see us lose the cathedral," Herring said. "I think we're going to be able to

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Vince Hannemann stands in an inflatable pool on the second floor of the Cathedral of Junk's Surf Canada platform. The pool is Hannemann's proof that his structure can support more than 400 pounds, a code compliance concern for his creation.

Chelsea Kindley
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CORRECTION

Due to a reporter error, the Cactus Cafe story in Monday's paper misidentified 'pledges' as 'donation funds' and 'donations.' Donated funds are money-acquired by nonprofit groups and pledges are promised donations of money that the group may call upon depending on particular circumstances.

The Texan regrets the error.

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TRANSIT: Maintenance standards come under fire

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systems by Veolia.

Cap Metro maintenance director Carl Woodby disputed reports that the fire-suppression systems had been disabled by Veolia and said that an independent third party verified the status of fire-suppression systems on buses used by subcontractors.

Talley said StarTran Inc., Cap Metro's in-house operator, is required to keep its buses in "new" or "like-new" condition. Subcon-

tractors have no such standard of maintenance, which affects schedule reliability.

Maintenance orders given to The Daily Texan by the transit union detail significant issues found with buses that were returned to Cap Metro by Veolia.

When Veolia returned its New Flyer buses, some had to be removed from revenue service for three weeks to fix all the issues found by StarTran mechanics, Talley and two other mechanics said. Documents show four of the New

Flyer buses returned by Veolia needed substantial mechanical work:

- One bus had emergency exits that wouldn't open, brakes that had been worn down past acceptable limits and a hydraulic system that needed to be completely redone.
- Another bus needed to have its suspension completely rebuilt, and all of its hydraulic pumps, filters and engine seals needed to be replaced.
- Another had air brakes that were not functioning and had been improperly repaired — requiring

the replacement of the entire system, a leaking engine manifold, a leaking coolant system and a damaged air-conditioning condenser.

- A fourth bus had to have all of the hoses to and from the radiator replaced and its suspension overhauled.

Woodby said that Veolia was billed for the repairs StarTran performed to get the battered New Flyers back on the road. He said Cap Metro changed its process for swapping buses with subcontractors to allow for extra inspections.

The Sunset Advisory Commission wrote in its April report to Cap Metro that moving work from in-house contractor StarTran and its unionized workforce to subcontractors such as Veolia could save more than \$11 million in the first year.

ATU Local 1091, which is currently involved in union negotiations with Veolia, argues that poor work done by subcontractors such as Veolia increases costs over the long run.

"We cost more," Talley said, "because we do a better job."

SAFETY: Resolution supporters hope provisions will save lives

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Barksdale English, policy aid to Councilman Bill Spelman.

English said Texas, unlike some states, does not require contractors to give rest breaks to their employees. Federal law governs access to potable water on construction sites, so the council isn't sure how much authority the city has regarding that issue. Despite federal oversight, loopholes in the law still exist.

"If the contractors put the water far away from where the workers are located — at the bottom of a 42-story building, for example — then those are unsafe working conditions," English said.

Austin's Workers Defense Project, an organization that seeks to help low-wage workers fight unsafe working conditions, spurred the council into action with a protest Thursday. Fifteen construction workers participated in the protest, which the Workers Defense Project called a "thirst strike," gathering outside City Hall and battling above-100-degree heat without water for five hours.

"We wanted to let the City Council members know that it isn't right for people to work without access to water," said Jaime Moreno, a construction worker for 19 years and thirst striker. "There's a lot of people out there who are working for more than eight hours a day without access to water. That's not acceptable."

The thirst strike was designed to bring attention to the findings of a 2009 study that reported that 41 percent of the construction workers surveyed said their employers don't give them any rest breaks, and that 27 percent said employers don't even provide them with drinking water.

The study also reports that one construction worker dies every two and a half days in Texas. There were 142 recorded construction worker deaths in 2007.

The resolution represents a big victory for the Workers Defense Project.

Moreno said more than 2,000 signatures were brought in.

"They seemed concerned, so hopefully in about two months we'll have an answer," he said. "If not, we'll have to do something else. There's no point in wasting time; we're going to have to do something about it. We don't want to wait for another two or three people to die because of the heat."

Gumercindo Rodriguez, a construction worker who has worked for several contractors in Austin, has seen the kind of conditions that Moreno described. Rodriguez said that 50- to 60-hour workweeks consisting of 10-hour workdays with no breaks aren't unheard of. He said he often brings water from home.

"They want everything done fast, so we don't get breaks," Rodriguez said. "They gave us no water. I had to put mine in the shade so it wouldn't get hot."

Rodriguez's experiences aren't universal, however. Jerry Diaz, a construction worker for six months, works on the new science building on the UT campus. He said there are four or five coolers of water on each floor and employees receive two breaks a day.

"They're telling us to drink water constantly — every 30 minutes. There's tons of those tiny cone cups," Diaz said. "At UT, they're real pushy on safety."

Even though some sites implement appropriate safety standards, Moreno said the fight is still an uphill battle.

"Somebody's brother, somebody's uncle, somebody's friend dying — it's a big deal," he said.

If members of City Council pass the resolution, they will vote on the ordinance at a July 29 meeting. The ordinance will go into effect immediately if passed.

ZONING: Plan may affect West Campus

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University Area Partners, a neighborhood association division of CANPAC representing businesses, property owners and churches near the University, is not in favor of the zoning changes. UAP members at the meeting requested that the city wait to make decisions regarding zoning until students return for the fall semester to give their input.

The city's zoning and ordinances board recommended zoning changes be passed on to the Planning Commission, the last step before City Council, without

hearing the opinion of students.

"We directed a letter to them to postpone [their discussion of the laws]," Lawler said. "But they went ahead and did it anyway."

CANPAC and UAP member Brian Donovan said the plan is to protect the "single-family nature" of the area by limiting the number of fraternities and sororities that could move in.

"Single-family districts surrounding the West Campus area do not want semi-dense housing [such as] co-ops and Greek housing to be allowed, like they currently are, in their neighborhoods," Lawler said.

The rezoning proposals would alter the University Neighborhood Overlay plan, passed in 2004, which allows developers to construct buildings taller than three stories. The reforms were passed in a bid to increase the amount of student housing with the hope of lowering costs.

In March, the UAP proposed to convert all free parking in West Campus to paid or residential permit parking. The proposal was made as part of the Parking Benefit District plan to limit the number of group residential spaces in the West Campus area.

Additional reporting by Claire

GRANT: Program aims to increase reading competency

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Tracy Dell'Angela, director of communication and outreach at IES, said the research institute expects to spend \$100 million this year on continuing grants and awarding new grants for more than 130 Reading for Understanding researchers.

Each of the six universities' research teams will focus on different grade ranges. UT's Meadow Center team will study seventh-through 12th-grade students. The teams were chosen from a competitive pool after the IES conducted a review of the candidates.

Despite the billions of dollars spent on reading education in the U.S., national reading levels are poor — one out of every three fourth-graders and one out of every four eighth-through 12th-graders cannot read at the basic level, according to an IES press release.

Elizabeth Albro, associate commissioner of the IES Teaching and Learning Division, said the UT team's findings on middle school and high school students will be informed by what other Reading for Understanding Research Initiative teams are learning. Albro said that though middle school and high

school students are often assumed to be competent readers, National Assessment of Educational Progress data shows only a third of this group levels with that assumption.

“Students with reading difficulties are at substantial risk of dropping out.”

— Elizabeth Albro
Associate commissioner,
IES Teaching and Learning Division

"Failure to read well is correlated with poor performance in school, and students with reading difficulties are at substantial risk of dropping out," Albro said. "[The UT Meadow Center] team is seeking to improve the reading abilities and mastery of school-based content of middle and high school students with and without reading comprehension difficulties."

According to an August 25, 2008 UT press release, the Meadows Foundation of Dallas gave the University a \$1.5 million grant to establish the Meadows Center for Preventing Educational Risk in the College of Education. The center employs researchers from fields such as special education, sociology, psychology and language, and is a research and training institute for educators, school leaders and teachers.

Jade Wexler, a senior research associate at the Meadows Center, said she has an IES grant to conduct research on reading intervention and dropout prevention for struggling ninth-grade readers. Wexler said the research will be conducted in all three Pflugerville ISD high schools.

"We have identified kids who are going into ninth grade as struggling readers and kids who are at risk for dropping out of school," she said. "They are being randomly assigned to one of four [experimental] conditions in each high school. They're either going to get reading intervention only; dropout prevention only; reading intervention and dropout prevention; or a school-implemented comparison group."

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An ethnic woman reacts after Kyrgyz police conducted searches in the village of Nariman outside Osh, southern Kyrgyzstan, on Monday.

Sergey Ponomarev | Associated Press

Kyrgyz forces attack Uzbek village

By Sergei Grits & Yuras Karmanau
The Associated Press

NARIMAN, Kyrgyzstan — Kyrgyz government forces swept into an ethnic Uzbek village Monday, beating men and women with rifle butts in an assault that left at least two dead and more than 20 wounded, witnesses told The Associated Press.

The allegations were among the strongest Uzbek claims of official collusion in ethnic rampages that killed as many as 2,000 people last week and forced nearly half of the region's roughly 800,000 Uzbeks to flee.

Kyrgyzstan's interim President Roza Otunbayeva said the

violence was triggered by supporters of former President Kurmanbek Bakiyev seeking to derail the constitutional vote.

Kyrgyz authorities said they conducted the sweep in Nariman to track down suspected criminals who had taken refuge in the village. They said seven people were detained on suspicion of involvement in the killing of the head of the local police precinct a week ago.

Emil Kaptaganov, the interim government's chief of staff, said that two people had offered resistance and were killed, and that 23 asked for medical assistance following the

sweep in Nariman.

Aziza Abdirasulova of Kalym-Shaly, a respected human rights group based in the Kyrgyz capital, provided the same casualty count. She said she believed the mostly ethnic Kyrgyz police were taking revenge for the killing of their chief. "They were driven by revenge and were acting like wild animals," she said.

"Instead of calming people down, [the authorities] are just creating disturbances," said Mamyr Nizamov, head of an Uzbek council of elders in Osh. "When they come, the soldiers all say the same thing: that we have not earned our Kyrgyz

citizenship and then they tear up our passports."

The police chief for the Osh region, Omurbek Suvanaliev, harshly criticized the interim government's push for the referendum, saying it could trigger another wave of ethnic violence.

"Tensions between the Kyrgyz and the Uzbek communities are high," said Suvanaliev, who resigned Sunday in protest against holding the referendum. "The referendum could lead to new clashes."

Meanwhile, the U.N. World Food Program delivered aid to Osh, including food rations for 30,000 people.

NY bomber pleads guilty to weapons, terror charges

By Tom Hays

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Calling himself a "Muslim soldier," a defiant Pakistan-born U.S. citizen pleaded guilty Monday to carrying out the failed Times Square car bombing, saying his attack was the answer to "the U.S. terrorizing ... Muslim people."

Wearing a white skull cap, Faisal Shahzad entered the plea in U.S. District Court in Manhattan just days after a federal grand jury indicted him on 10 terrorism and weapons counts, some of which carried mandatory life prison sentences. He pleaded guilty to them all.

"One has to understand where I'm coming from," Shahzad calmly told U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum, who challenged him repeatedly with questions such as whether he worried about killing children in Times Square. "I consider myself ... a Muslim soldier."

The 30-year-old described his effort to set off a bomb in an SUV he parked in Times Square on

May 1, saying he chose the warm Saturday night because it would be crowded with people who he could injure or kill.

Shahzad made the plea and an accompanying statement as Cedarbaum asked him if he understood some charges carried mandatory life sentences and that he might spend the rest of his life in prison. He said he did.

At one point, she asked if he wanted to plead guilty.

He said he wanted "to plead guilty and 100 times more" to let the U.S. know that if it didn't leave Iraq and Afghanistan, halt drone attacks and stop meddling in Muslim lands, "we will be attacking U.S."

Attorney General Eric Holder said the Pakistani Taliban "facilitated Faisal Shahzad's attempted attack on American soil."

Shahzad was accused in the indictment of receiving explosives training in Waziristan, Pakistan, during a five-week trip to that country.

Sentencing was scheduled for Oct. 5.



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Faisal Shahzad pleads guilty to carrying out the failed Times Square car bombing in U.S. District Court on Monday in Manhattan.

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VIEWPOINT

Debate with dignity

In an episode of the political drama “The West Wing,” the Democratic front-runner refuses to debate his opponents prior to a crucial primary election. In response, a staff member from another campaign dresses in a chicken costume and goes to the front-runner’s press conference to ask if the front-runner is too chicken to debate.

Little did we know that this scene from a popular TV show would fill us with deja-vu.

On Friday, Gov. Rick Perry’s campaign tried to hold a press conference in front of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White’s Austin headquarters, only to be drowned out by White supporters demanding a debate — including, yes, someone in a chicken costume.

The debate controversy began in April when Perry said he would not debate White until the former Houston mayor released his tax returns to the public. White did so in early June, and Perry still refuses.

While the White campaign is certainly entitled and correct to push Perry to debate, the childish and indulgent manner in which White supporters are doing so denigrates the effort.

Throughout the campaign, the Democratic narrative has been a juxtaposition of White’s serious statesman to Perry’s pandering politician. White’s focus on progressive issues while Perry played his conservative zealot painted an effective contrast between the candidates, until the debate issue.

In responding to Perry’s baiting, many White supporters became so involved in the issue that the disciplined and respectful campaign is literally resorting to name-calling — Rick “Chicken” Perry, “The Coward,” for example — and seemingly operating on the presumption that Perry has the same emotional control as Marty McFly.

Furthermore, this debate does not warrant such fervor. While debates in the Roman Forum, British Parliament and “The West Wing” universe are exciting and confrontational, one between Perry and White, especially after such commotion, would be so carefully formatted that it wouldn’t be necessary for the candidates to be in the same room. White would easily vaporize Perry in a substantial argument without restrictions, but that is not what White supporters are realistically advocating for.

Obviously the White campaign realizes all this, and decided the benefits outweighed the costs. The controversy gives White free media coverage and enhanced name recognition. It also fires up the party’s grassroots base, whose fervent support would be vital for victory in November.

Campaigns place a high premium on free media and an enthused base, but the White campaign should not seek such things at the expense of its integrity.

While the chicken-suit press conference resembled “The West Wing” episode, the entire issue is similar to “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” In the Shakespearean comedy, the character Titania is magically induced to fall in love with Nick Bottom. But, because she is so bewitched, Titania does not realize Bottom’s head has been transformed into the head of a donkey. The White campaign is under the same spell. Many White supporters, unlike many voters, revel in the bare-knuckle, horse-race aspect of the campaign and became enamored with the “chicken” strategy.

Should Perry debate White? Absolutely. Should White continue to publicly pressure Perry to do so? Yes, but in a dignified way. Perry’s actions may indicate that he is indeed “chicken,” but White supporters should be above calling him one.

—Douglas Luippold for the editorial board

Apologizing for apologizing

By Greg Spurgeon
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

The Deepwater Horizon oil spill is muddying Washington’s water.

With midterm elections in just four months, the once-hopeful GOP is scrambling to repair its tattered reputation once more — even at the risk of some of its oldest allegiances.

First on the Republican chopping block is Big Oil, due to the unpopular situation in the Gulf of Mexico, and second is Rep. Joe Barton (R-Texas), the highest ranking Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, for his recent televised apology to British Petroleum’s chief executive, Tony Hayward.

Apparently, congressional leaders threatened to remove Barton from his leadership position unless he apologized for his apology.

But Barton was publicly denouncing the Legislature for the “shakedown” imposed on BP, an issue related to the advocacy of smaller government.

So why reprimand a star incumbent when he is fighting for the very ideas you (supposedly) hold dear? I mean, of course there are ill feelings toward Big Oil right now, but Barton was standing up for his beliefs, and those of the party, right? That’s exactly the point.

It seems that it was not Barton’s advocacy for smaller government that worried Republicans. Rather, by exposing his relationship with the oil industry he risked drawing attention to the associations many Republicans have with Big Oil.

According to Oil Change International, Barton received \$85,770 in campaign contributions during 2009-2010. But he’s not alone. In fact, of the \$12.8 million contributed by the oil industry during the current election cycle, 71 percent went to Republican candidates. Republican leaders are afraid that Barton’s apology will open up a can of worms — or rather, oil — so close to



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a pivotal election cycle.

Already, Democrats are hard at work producing a swarm of smear campaigns that focus on the Republican affiliation with Big Oil.

Several Republican representatives are calling for blood, hoping that the sacrifice of Barton’s political career will, in turn, save their own.

To me, Barton’s apology was a disgusting tribute.

The BP oil spill is threatening the well-being of American small-business and wildlife,

and it is disturbing Mr. Barton would display a bought-and-paid-for defense of the oil industry at this time.

But Republicans’ willingness to turn against their ideals, “big political peeps” and largest campaign contributors to maintain political solvency is more disturbing.

Such a display of desperation is something we all need to be mindful of in the upcoming midterm elections.

Spurgeon is a government sophomore.

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Politics as usual

By Matthew Levinton
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Government is driven by motives of self-preservation and gain, similar to any corporation or private institution.

But we have largely forgotten this. We forget that government is made up of people, and therefore, like everything else, it cannot escape the flaws of humanity. Thus, while the nature of politics to people is philosophically debatable, their behavior when practicing politics is easily predictable.

So, as troubling as it is, it should come as no surprise to learn that offers of foreign aid to the United States following the explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig were turned away because it may have favored the president’s political interests.

According to Foreign Policy magazine, despite an initial refusal by the State Department to identify which countries offered assistance in the Gulf following the disaster, the department, in the form of an e-mail to its press corps, did eventually identify the 13 foreign governments or organizations that had offered aid. Listed in the e-mail “were the governments of Canada, Croatia, France, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom” and even North Korea and the United Nations. In the same e-mail, the State Department explained that “these offers [included] experts in various aspects of oil spill impacts, research and technical expertise, booms, chemical oil dispersants, oil pumps, skimmers and wildlife treatment.”

According to The Times of London, the British government offered “half of [its]...

stockpile of chemical dispersants” back in April, when “there was an urgent demand for fresh supplies.” This offer was refused, as was an offer of aid from the Saudi government, which in 1993 dealt with a spill in the Persian Gulf even larger than the one the U.S. is facing, according to AOL News.

Furthermore, according to FOX News, the government did not accept the proposal of Dallas businessman Fred McCallister, who offered to provide 25 of the oil-skimming boats crucial to cleaning up the spill, a vessel the government only has 400 of currently. McCallister explained that he could have 12 oil-skimmers in the Gulf immediately, but that the ships are not U.S.-owned.

Reports also indicate that offers of aid from Belgium, which included technological expertise on the deepwater cleanup of oil capable of reducing the estimated length of the cleanup from nine months to four, have also been refused.

The reason for the government’s refusal of this assistance is the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, or the “Jones Act,” which holds that all goods transported by water between U.S. ports must be carried by U.S. flagships constructed in the U.S. and owned and operated by U.S. citizens or legal residents.

The law was waived by the Bush administration following Hurricane Katrina, and currently is suspended off the coast of Delaware to allow for the installation of wind turbines by ships and workers not complicit with the demands of the law. However, the Obama administration has not suspended the Jones Act in response to the disaster in the Gulf.

According to White House spokesman

Robert Gibbs, “If there is a need for [a] waiver, that would obviously be granted.” Yet, foreign offers of help have been rejected for not “[meeting] the operational requirements of the unified area command,” according to U.S. Coast Guard requirements that the Coast Guard confirmed do include the provisions of the Jones Act.

There clearly is a need for a waiver.

Yet, many have speculated that such has not been granted by the Obama administration because suspending the Jones Act, a protectionist law that guarantees the seafaring industry in U.S. waters to U.S. labor, would anger organized labor unions, an unquestionable component of President Obama’s electoral base. So it seems that at the heart of the unwise behavior of not suspending this law is none other than politics as usual.

We have every reason to accept all legitimate offers of help to address the disaster in the Gulf. As the spill worsens, the environmental damage will only grow, and more of the shoreline will be destroyed, along with the lives of those dependent on it. And as the cost of this damage increases, BP may be forced to declare bankruptcy, and thousands more will lose their jobs. The longer it takes to remove the oil once it rises to the ocean surface, the closer we move toward facing yet another economic crisis.

The president has said he will do everything to “battle” the spill. However, as long as the law is not waived to allow a world we have aided to aid us, the government is not doing everything.

Levinton is a history senior.

UT could lose \$3.6 million in discrimination lawsuit

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

A Dallas jury recommended May 26 that UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas pay \$3.6 million to an Egyptian-American Muslim doctor for alleged religious and ethnic discrimination in a federal employment discrimination case.

Naiel Nassar, currently an associate professor of clinical medicine at The University of California-San Francisco Fresno Medical Center and an infectious disease staff physician at a California hospital, was hired by UT Southwestern as a physician in 2001 and resigned in 2006. On August 4, 2008, he filed suit against the medical center; Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas; and Dr. Beth Levine and Dr. Greg Fitz, two professors at UT Southwestern.

Nassar could not be reached for comment by press time.

In his resignation letter from UT Southwestern dated July 3, 2006, he wrote, "The primary reason of my resignation is the continuing harassment and discrimination against me by the Infectious Diseases Division chief, Dr. Beth Levine."

He said the hostility "stems from religious, racial and cultural bias against Arabs and Muslims that has resulted in a hostile work environment."

As soon as Levine became chief, she began harassing him, he said.

On February 5, Levine and Fitz were dropped as defendants in the case but the court retained UT Southwestern as a defendant, according to public court docu-

ments. Parkland, against which Nassar claimed retaliatory failure to hire, was also dropped as a defendant February 19.

U.S. District Judge Jane Boyle presided over the six-day trial. The jury, after a reported 45 minutes of deliberation, recommended the center award Nassar \$3.6 million. Contrary to previously reported accounts, Boyle has not yet ordered UT Southwestern to pay the damages.

"We were thrilled with the ver-

"It took a lot of courage for Dr. Nassar to stand up for what was right."

— **Charla Aldous**
Nassar's attorney

dict," Nassar's attorney Charla Aldous said. "It took a lot of courage for Dr. Nassar to stand up for what was right. It is sad to know that an institution like [UT Southwestern] would discriminate against someone because of their ethnicity or religious beliefs, and our hope is that this verdict will prevent this type of conduct from happening to another person at the medical school."

Aldous said Nassar was tired of discrimination against him and that UT Southwestern retaliated against him after he filed an Equal Employment Opportunity Claim against the university. She said when Nassar sought employment with Parkland Hospi-

tal, Fitz and Levine both blocked his employment by writing a letter to Dr. Samuel Ross, Parkland's chief executive officer.

The university's Promotion and Tenure Committee attempted to promote Nassar to associate professor March 1, 2006.

"They discriminated against him and retaliated against him when he filed the EEOC," Aldous said. "He resigned before he got a promotion [at UT Southwestern], and the reason he did was that it was such a hostile work environment with Dr. Levine. He couldn't take it anymore. [Levine] made a comment to one of Nassar's colleagues when Parkland hired a [doctor of Arabian descent]. She said, 'They hired another one of those.' She told [a colleague] that she thought all Muslims were lazy."

UT Southwestern President Dr. Daniel Podolsky said in a written statement May 26 that the university intends to appeal any damages the court awards. Podolsky said the jury's recommendation is inconsistent with the facts of the case.

"Rather than undermining Dr. Nassar's career as alleged, personnel files clearly showed that his division chief, Dr. Beth Levine, and then department chair, Dr. Greg Fitz, acting on behalf of UT Southwestern, had recommended and obtained a promotion for him prior to his decision to leave," he said. "As demonstrated at the trial, Dr. Nassar's personnel file contained letters of support and recommendation from both Dr. Fitz and Dr. Levine. We believe these documents make clear that UT Southwestern acted without discrimination or malice."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Weekend road closures affect Bull Creek Road, 45th Street

Drivers in the 45th Street and Bull Creek Road area can expect

delays caused by construction this weekend. The Austin Transportation Department recommends Shoal Creek Boulevard as an alternate route.

On Saturday, eastbound lanes on 45th Street will be closed between MoPac Boulevard and Finley Drive, as will northbound lanes on Bull Creek Road between Jackson Ave-

nue and 45th Street.

On Sunday, 45th Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction and Bull Creek Road will be closed.

"There is going to be construction going on," department's spokeswoman Leah Fillion said, "but there will be message boards and detour signage to help ease congestion."

— Aaron West

KEEPING IT COOL



Caleb Fox | Daily Texan Staff

Visitors enjoy the cool water at Barton Springs Pool on Monday afternoon.

JUNK: Structure passes safety requirement test

From page 1

work things out."

Mayor Lee Leffingwell contacted Herring on Wednesday evening and explained that he would like to work with Hannemann to keep the cathedral as intact as possible.

Stephanie Lott, spokeswoman for the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, said Hannemann may be able to acquire a certificate from the Code Compliance Department stating that the structure meets city safety standards, but first he will need a letter from an engi-

neer to certify that the building is safe. Hanneman said an engineer has already conducted safety tests revealing that the cathedral meets safety requirements, and said that everything is falling into place to ensure the continued existence of the cathedral.

"Within about two weeks, if things go well, we will achieve a certificate of compliance that will effectively keep the Cathedral of Junk open," said Herring, who is also one of Hannemann's attorneys.

However, because the cathedral is located in a residential zone, Hannemann will not be able to operate it as a business.

"I'm not allowed to have any posted hours of operation, and I'm not allowed to have an open gate," Hannemann said. "It will be just as if you are going to visit somebody's house."

Hannemann said it will never be the original Cathedral of Junk, but he finds comfort in knowing he will not have to dismantle it any further and his supporters will be able to visit again.

"There's no telling what could happen," Hannemann said. "But hopefully the 'hazardous condition' sign in front of my house will be history and I'll be able to let people in again."

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PROFESSIONAL SOCCER

Aztex brings pro soccer to Austin



Michael Baldon | Daily Texan Staff

Midfielder Yordany Alvarez goes up for a header during the Aztex's game against Miami FC Blues on Saturday. The Aztex sits atop its conference with an 8-2-3 record and 27 goals. Games are held at House Park and are a community affair with groups of supporters such as Chantico's Army.

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Columnist
Far from the manicured fields of South Africa and the 2010 FIFA World Cup, soccer is alive in the heart of Texas.

The Austin Aztex plays in the United States Soccer Federation's second division and offers the only professional-level competition in town. With the Texas women's team on break, the Aztex is your best bet if you want to

root for the home team. But be prepared for something different at Aztex games. The competition is top-notch, but the atmosphere is not what Longhorn fans are used to — the norm on campus being long lines, ludicrous concession prices and Longhorn All-Sports Packages. Aztex games are more of a communal affair. Children get autographs at midfield, and the players eat at Cuatro's in

West Campus afterward, conversing with fans and signing even more autographs, all with wide smiles. Before a game against the Miami FC Blues on Saturday, six youths kick a ball inside the monolithic parking garage directly adjacent to House Park, where the Aztex plays its home games. It's 20 minutes until the first whistle, but like true soccer aficionados, they're taking the opportuni-

ty to stage a pickup game. Below, more fans begin warming up their drums and, yes, their vuvuzuelas. Inside the stadium, with the Austin skyline serving as a backdrop, patrons mingle in the stands as the players warm up. When the Aztex comes out of the dressing room for the national anthem, holding hands with boys and girls from local youth teams, the 2,000-plus soccer fans in

attendance give a standing ovation, enthusiasm high despite the 100-degree heat. Then the game starts, and the drums never let up. Chantico's Army, an Aztex supporters' group, waves the famous "Come and Take It" flag from the Texas Revolution. The sun slowly sinks, but the chants get louder and the mood, more festive. The stands look like a

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WORLD CUP

Portugal cruises past North Korea

North Korea eliminated from World Cup; Ronaldo scores first goal of tourney
By Naishadh Bhonsle
Daily Texan Staff

Portugal 7, North Korea 0
Portugal came into the game under pressure after a nervous draw against the Ivory Coast in its first group match. The pressure was on Cristiano Ronaldo to end his goal drought against underdog North Korea and help Portugal follow Brazil into qualification. A win would not guarantee his team a place in the next round, but would allow it to qualify for its next game with a draw against Brazil. The game began with a nervous start, but it was clear that this was going to be an exciting match at the Green Point



The Associated Press

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo controls the ball prior to scoring a goal during Portugal 7-0 win Monday. Stadium in Cape Town, South Africa. Ricardo Carvalho hit the post with a header early in the first half from an in-swinging corner, making it

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CLUB SPORTS

Texas Wake mixes rookie riders with experienced pros

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff
You might have seen a speedboat in front of Gregory Gymnasium with students in swim trunks and life vests greeting people who walked past. If the 20-foot boat nowhere near a body of water bigger than the lap pools of the gym didn't tip you off, you could have mistaken the students for wannabe lifeguards. The riders of Texas Wake would probably take offense to that; they have much more fun in the water. Texas Wake is a wakeboarding team founded in April 2007 and has since grown to

become a UT club sport with more than 100 members. The team is composed of a wide array of riders whose levels of experience vary, from the veteran and the semiprofessional to the newest of beginners. "Our members help one another out so that everyone can progress as a rider," Texas Wake President Rod Reinhard said. "Our main goal is to promote the sport of wakeboarding by getting more people involved." Wakeboarding is not an easy sport to master; it's like

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SIDELINE

College World Series

Clemson 6
No. 1 Arizona State 3

No. 3 Florida 5
Florida State 8, Florida eliminated from tournament

TCU 3
No. 6 UCLA 6

World Cup

Portugal 7
North Korea 0

Chile 1
Switzerland 0

Spain 2
Honduras 0

MLB

Interleague Play

Kansas City 1
Washington 2

Cincinnati 6
Oakland 4

NY Yankees 4
Arizona 10

SPORTS BRIEFLY

College stars find themselves on outside, looking in at draft

Omar Samhan's throwback drop-steps in the post and new-age candor with the media made him one of the breakout stars of the NCAA tournament in March. The outspoken center captivated fans with his skills on the court and drew belly laughs in the press room with sharp one-liners while leading little St. Mary's to the round of 16 for the first time in more than 50 years. The 6-foot-11 Samhan averaged 30.5 points and 9.5 rebounds in victories over Richmond and Villanova in college basketball's marquee event, but is finding NBA executives and scouts much more difficult to charm. Most mock drafts forecast that Samhan will not be drafted Thursday. "The politically correct answer would be, 'Oh you know, it happens, that's the way it is,'" Samhan said after a workout with the Minnesota Timberwolves this month. "I think it's crap, to be blunt with you. I feel like I do a lot for my team, for my school and still just don't get a lot of credit, a lot of love." Omar's not alone. College stars like Villanova All-American Scottie Reynolds, Kansas point guard Sherron Collins and Notre Dame forward Luke Harangody are deemed second-round picks at best. Xavier's Jordan Crawford may fall out of the first round, even after averaging 29 points a game in the Musketeers' run to the round of 16. "You can look at it like, 'What more do you want me to do?'" said Crawford, who left after his sophomore season. "But you still have to come out here and show what you can do and that you're worth a first-round pick." In some scouts' eyes, Reynolds and Crawford are too short, Collins is too thick, Harangody a black hole on offense. And Samhan? "I'm a slow white guy, so I understand," Samhan said. —The Associated Press

Tables as of Monday

Group A	W	L	D	P
Mexico	1	0	1	4
Uruguay	1	0	1	4
South Africa	0	1	1	1
France	0	1	1	1

Group E	W	L	D	P
Netherlands	2	0	0	6
Japan	1	1	0	3
Denmark	1	1	0	3
Cameroon	0	2	0	0

Group B	W	L	D	P
Argentina	2	0	0	6
South Korea	1	1	0	3
Greece	1	1	0	3
Nigeria	0	2	0	0

Group F	W	L	D	P
Paraguay	1	0	1	4
New Zealand	0	0	2	2
Italy	0	0	2	2
Slovakia	0	1	1	1

Group C	W	L	D	P
Slovenia	1	0	1	4
U.S.A.	0	0	2	2
England	0	0	2	2
Algeria	0	1	1	1

Group G	W	L	D	P
Brazil	2	0	0	6
Portugal	1	0	1	4
Ivory Coast	0	1	1	1
North Korea	0	2	0	0

Group D	W	L	D	P
Ghana	1	0	1	4
Germany	1	1	0	3
Serbia	1	1	0	3
Australia	0	1	1	1

Group H	W	L	D	P
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THROUGH JUNE 23



Michael Baldon | Daily Texan Staff
A teammate jumps on Lawrence Olum after a goal in the Aztex's 3-1 win over the Miami FC Blues on Saturday at House Park.

AZTEX: Local games offer a remedy to 'soccer fever'

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fiesta, which is fitting as rookie Maxwell Griffin debuts with a hat trick off eight shots. The fans are cordial albeit intensely proud of their team, which explains the loud boos and jeers that flood the stadium when a Miami player scores and then proceeds to perform a celebratory dance directly in front of the Aztex's bench.

Plus, the Aztex wins games, lots of them — including this one. Following Saturday's 3-1 victory over Miami, Austin is first in its conference with a record of 8-2-3. The Aztex also wins with flair, scoring 25 goals this season, seven more than the second-most productive team in the conference. Whether on a through pass, long cross or set piece, the Aztex is a team to watch this season, and luckily you can do just that, all within walking distance of downtown.

There's something special about these late-afternoon games in the searing Texas heat. It's something about the way many of the players remember the faces of fans, and how different groups work together to rally the crowd whenever the sound level dips.

The fantastic student-athletes at the University spoil us; they fool us into believing excellence is the rule instead of

the exception. They live and attend class here on campus, but the vast majority of students will never actually meet a student-athlete, and so, their accomplishments are taken for granted. It is refreshing to encounter athletes, near the top of their game, competing in such a natural setting with such amicable relationships with their supporters, in contrast to the fantas-

There's something special about these late-afternoon games in the searing Texas heat. It's something about the way many of the players remember the faces of familiar fans ...

tic but anonymous student-athletes at the University. It's been a slow process of acclimation. A trying process, too, considering the team's losing record last year and its short history. But with the Aztex doing so well, and with so many other USSF teams jumping into Major League Soccer, the future seems much kinder toward this team, which is here to stay.

The World Cup has been causing soccer fever lately, and sometimes the best remedy is an accessible, local reminder that you can find the beautiful game being played everywhere. Do yourself a favor and see why soccer is a sport best enjoyed live by checking out the Aztex tonight at 7:30 p.m. in House Park versus the Arizona Sahuaros in the second round of the U.S. Open Cup.

WAKE: Team wins first national title

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snowboarding on an uneven surface while going 20 mph. More experienced riders are able to do flips and twists over the wake created by the boat, but beginners may have trouble even standing up on the board.

"We have plenty of veterans but just as many beginners, and we love that. We enjoy bringing new people into the wakeboarding community because that is how our sport grows," Reinhard said.

In April, those wakeboarding veterans helped Texas Wake win its first-ever Collegiate Wake Series championship, defeating the University of Central Florida in the finals. Universities from all over the country met on Decker Lake, located east of Austin, for the three-day tournament.

The creation of a college wakeboarding competition has proved to be beneficial to wakeboarding, bringing national appeal to a sport traditionally reserved for local competitions. Reinhard said increased awareness of the sport has inspired the forma-

tion of clubs similar to Texas Wake on campuses across the country.

Senior Witt Finley has been riding for Texas Wake since he's been at the University, but April's College Wake Series championship wasn't his first. He won the junior men's Cable Wakeboard National Championship in 2005 and the obstacles Cable Wakeboard National Championship in 2006, but those were both individual events. Wakeboarding clubs such as Texas Wake lend a team atmosphere to what is generally an individual sport.

"It was incredible to compete as part of a team and to represent the University of Texas," Finley said. "I couldn't be more stoked."

Texas Wake usually competes in about four competitions per year. Those competitions range from regional tournaments, such as the Collegiate Team Challenge, which was hosted by the University of North Texas last year, to national tournaments, such as the USA Water Ski National Championships, which was held in San Diego, Calif., last year.

Tournaments give the students in Texas Wake a chance to compete against riders from across the country in a professionally officiated environment. Since tournaments limit the number of riders who can compete, members not strapped into a wakeboard go to cheer their friends and teammates on.

"Watching [the tournament] in San Diego last year was awesome because quite a few people made the trip, and it was great to support the team thousands of miles away," social chairman Casey Carbonel said.

With the competitive nature of Texas Wake, its social scene is just as important. Each semester, Texas Wake holds camping trips and throws parties for its members. These events provide ways for the students involved to spend time with one another out of the water. Texas Wake even hosts a tailgate for football games in the fall.

Membership has yet to become a challenge for Texas Wake during its three-year existence. Most of the recruiting is done in the early fall, as the boat and tables set up

in front of Gregory Gym attract many would-be riders to the team. Also, those familiar with wakeboarding know it is a tight-knit community, which helps provide many students with a way onto the team.

Texas Wake does face challenges as a newer student organization, though. The team needs sponsors to raise money for tournaments and the rental fees for its boat, but has experienced difficulty in finding sponsorship. Because of its lack of popularity, many companies are hesitant to sponsor Texas Wake.

"Some companies are interested in trying new sponsor deals, but are unaware that UT has a wakeboard team," Reinhard said. "The lack of public awareness can be hard to overcome sometimes."

Reinhard hopes that with the addition of a national championship, awareness of Texas Wake and wakeboarding in general will be stronger than ever this fall. The team hopes to qualify for the USA Water Ski National Championships again in November, and to defend its national title in the College Wake Series next spring.

WORLD CUP: Spain rebounds with vital win over Honduras

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during the 29th minute, after Tiago played a hard, low pass between three defenders to Raul Meireles, who moved the ball past the keeper into the back of the net.

North Korea's Hong Yong-Jo had a shot saved after cutting inside with the following rebound, headed over by Pak Nam-Chol, and the team was only one goal down going into halftime.

The second half would be a memorable one for Portugal, doubling its advantage in the 53rd minute after Simão slotted the ball under the North Korean keeper on a counterattack. It was only three minutes later that Fábio Coentrão burst down the left to swing in a perfect cross for a header from Hugo Almeida. Four minutes after that, Ronaldo, Portugal's superstar, cut back and played a ball across the goal for Tiago to side-foot past a demoralized North Korean keeper.

Things went from bad to worse for the North Koreans as a cross from the left side was missed by Ri Kwang-Chon and Liédson stole the ball to hammer it into the net, making it 5-0 with 10 minutes still to go. Ronaldo finally ended his two-year goal drought for Portugal as another defensive mistake gave the ball away, putting him on goal to finish after a few awkward bounces.

The result means that Portugal goes into its final game almost assured of a spot in the next stage, with a nine-goal difference between it and the Ivory Coast, a very unlikely group scenario.

Chile 1, Switzerland 0

Switzerland has produced the biggest shock of the tournament so far. After beating tour-



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Potuguese players celebrate after Tiago, center, scored during Monday's 7-0 win over North Korea. Portugal now only trails Brazil in Group G.

nament favorite Spain just five days ago, the Swiss were in an excellent position to progress to the next round.

Monday's game against Chile took a turn, as the Swiss were unlucky to have Valon Behrami red-carded 31 minutes after an apparent high-arm to a Chilean player's face. The sending-off changed the game in Chile's favor as it bombarded the Swiss goal with shots, and had one goal correctly disallowed. At 69 minutes, Switzerland set the clean-sheet record for a World Cup game, having not conceded a goal in 551 minutes — but that was the highlight of its night. Six minutes later, Chile scored after Esteban Paredes broke through the formidable Swiss defense and managed to swing a pass to Mark González, who converted with a header from close range. The game stayed at 1-0 despite a host of missed chances from Chile and one crucial miss from Swiss substitute Eren Derdiyok in the 90th minute. The win puts Chile

atop Group H and in need of only a draw from its last game, against Spain, to advance.

Spain 2, Honduras 0

Spanish coach Vicente Del Bosque, reeling after a surprising first-game defeat to Switzerland, decided make changes to the lineup, bringing in fit-again Liverpool striker Fernando Torres to partner David Villa up front and speedy winger Jesús Navas on the right to supply crosses. As expected, Spain started off as the attacker, holding the ball and playing short, quick Spanish football as it tried to break the Honduran defense.

The opening goal was arguably the best so far in the tournament. Villa collected the ball on the left wing at 17 minutes and attacked two Honduran defenders, dribbling past them with pace. He cut inside to make space from a third defender to fire a shot past the Honduran keeper.

Five minutes into the second half, Spain caught the Hondu-

ran defense on the break as Navas was found with space on the right and played a simple ball to Villa, whose shot from outside the box deflected off a Honduran defender to go over the keeper and double Spain's advantage. After Spain's second goal, Honduras was deflated and needed two goals against the European champions with less than half the game remaining. Spain continued to dominate the rest of the game, with the score line not indicative of the full power of its control.

The result means Spain is level with Switzerland at three points in second place, but will need a win in its final game against Chile to guarantee progress and a first-place finish in the group. Spain currently has a one-goal advantage on goal difference over Switzerland going into the last game, and a four-goal advantage over Honduras — so look for all teams to play some exciting football against respective opponents in the final group games.

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Uffie shows swagger with electro-pop swing

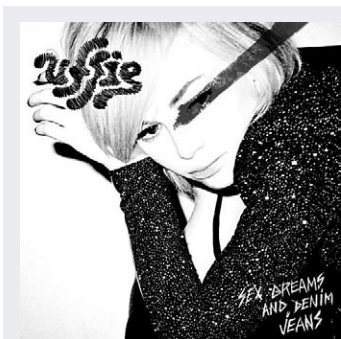
By Mark Lopez
Daily Texan Staff

Four years after her first single, “Pop the Glock,” Uffie has released her long-awaited debut album, *Sex Dreams and Denim Jeans*. On the album, Uffie makes a point not only to show her maturity as an artist in the electro-pop scene, but also to prove that she’s here to show us all how to party. By collaborating with several well-known producers, including Feedz, Mr. Oizo and Mirwais, Uffie’s *Sex Dreams and Denim Jeans* demonstrates her eclectic musical palette as much as it does her own unique persona.

The album begins with “Pop the Glock,” setting a relaxing precedent. While the lyrics speak of rocking parties and “busting nuts,” the beat is laid-back enough that listeners don’t feel bombarded by the wild anthem’s drunken slurs.

The tempo picks up with the album’s third track, “ADD SUV,” featuring Pharrell Williams. The synthesizers coincide perfectly with the vocals, creating a hybrid human-robotic voice that’s complemented by Williams’ raps. Uffie’s latest single, “MC’s Can Kiss,” starts with Uffie letting her audience know she’s more of a pop princess than an introspective musician. On the track, she raps, “I’m an entertainer, not a lyricist/ I’m so far from all you cats out there/ If I get popular, I know that ain’t fair.”

The title track of the album samples The Velvet Underground’s “Rock & Roll” and pushes the album into a more retrospective direction, recalling Uffie’s old days and



Uffie
Sex Dreams and Denim Jeans
Grade: B+

old ways. The song also has Uffie showing off her singing chops, which are enhanced by the electric guitar riffs as well as the layered vocals in the chorus. Unfortunately, after this track, the album starts to lose some of its momentum, as the next three songs are slower, retro takes on love and relationships.

She decides to show her love for ‘80s pop by taking on “Hong Kong Garden,” originally performed by Siouxsie and the Banshees. By sampling the original song, Uffie’s cover doesn’t stray too far from the formula of the original, just adding a modern twist to it; however, Uffie’s vocals do not carry the strength of Siouxsie’s, which is partly what made the original version such a hit.

For a debut album, *Sex Dreams and Denim Jeans* is strong and has swagger. It will certainly make fans more interested to see what else this European electro-pop queen has up her sleeves.

Hip-hop group’s lyrics focus on social issues

By Iris Zubair
Daily Texan Staff

The Roots’ ninth studio album, *How I Got Over*, stays true to the band’s original sound and style, fusing elements of funk, soul, jazz and hip-hop. Fans of the band will be familiar with the beats and eclectic samples throughout the album. As with most of their previous albums, The Roots make interesting collaborations with some lesser-known artists, such as Blu, P.O.R.N. and Dice Raw. Other featured artists include John Legend, Monsters of Folk and Patty Crash, all of whom help to make the album that much more diverse.

However, The Roots contin-

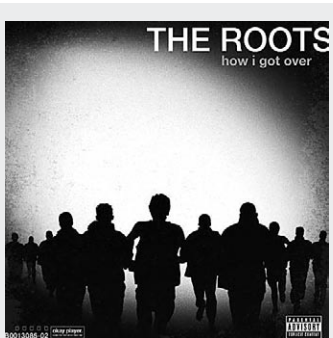
ue to separate themselves from their peers in the music industry by making socially conscious hip-hop. *How I Got Over* is a prime example of the band staying current with the times and discussing social and political issues that affect society today. The album is almost like a narrative of the transition between the Bush administration and Obama’s presidency.

In the motivational song “Now or Never,” the chorus repeats, “Everything’s changing around me/ And I want to change too/ Cause one thing I know/ It ain’t cool being no fool.” The group also doesn’t shy away from critically analyzing our nation. In “Dear God 2.0,”

Black Thought raps, “If everything is made in China, are we Chinese?/ And why do haters separate us like we Siamese?/ Technology turning the planet into zombies/ Everybody all in everybody’s dirty laundry.”

Despite the significance of the lyrics, the album’s sound is nothing new. It seems as though The Roots’ formula for creating hooks and melodies has remained somewhat stagnant throughout their evolution as a band. The songs are still catchy and enjoyable, but for longtime fans of the band, the musical innovation just is not there.

How I Got Over is worth listening to, if only because it encourages social responsibility and



The Roots
How I Got Over
Grade: B

awareness, and The Roots are one of the few hip-hop acts out there that bother to do it.

Miley Cyrus asserts she ‘can’t be tamed’

By Justin Sedgwick
Daily Texan Staff

Miley Cyrus has become synonymous with the Britney Spears/Disney pop brand ever since Cyrus’ hit single “Party in the USA” blasted in teenyboppers’ stereos across the country in 2008. But just as Spears eventually underwent the transformation from teen sweetheart to gyrating sexpot, Cyrus’ latest album, *Can’t Be Tamed*, shows the telltale signs of Cyrus’ Britney-like metamorphosis into a autotuned ball of oiled flesh.

Tamed seems like a rushed attempt to sell Cyrus as a dark, brooding diva on par with Lady Gaga or Ke\$ha. The album is an amateur effort that, instead of cementing Cyrus as a mature se-

ductress, leaves listeners wondering if Cyrus even wanted to change her musical persona.

The opening track, “Liberty Walk,” shows Cyrus’ incompatibility with sexed-up beats. Though the track is catchy and has a hip-moving backbeat, it’s impossible to keep the groove with Cyrus’ constant stuttering: “It’s a liberty, liberty, li-li-liberty, li-li-liberty/ It’s a liberty walk.”

Similarly, “Who Owns My Heart” is backed by energetic, dance-club instrumentals, but it’s hard not to laugh at the song’s chorus, when Cyrus introspectively asks, “Who owns my heart?/ Is it love or is it art?”

The album isn’t without its gems, though, as Cyrus performs a soulful rendition of Poison’s

“Every Rose Has Its Thorns,” in which she successfully appropriates the epic power ballad for a new generation. “Permanent December” is by far Cyrus’ best-executed attempt at competing with Ke\$ha, as it’s easy to dance to and bereft of Cyrus’ typically annoying hooks.

Cyrus does attempt to get back to the soulful roots she displayed on her 2008 album *Breakout* in *Tamed*’s most eloquent and mature tracks, “Forgiveness and Love” and “Stay,” but both songs falter in over-dubbed studio instrumentals.

Can’t Be Tamed is evidence of Cyrus’ crusade to go from Hannah Montana to Lady Gaga, but Cyrus forgot to mature before she decided to grow up. *Tamed* may



Miley Cyrus
Can’t Be Tamed
Grade: C-

please her most devout fans, but for listeners seeking a little more musical depth, jump off the Miley Cyrus ship!

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CANCER: Use sunscreen to prevent skin damage

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aging and skin cancer, whether it's basal cell carcinoma or something more serious, like melanoma.

"The primary thing you want to avoid is a sunburn because the more sunburns you have, the higher the risk of skin cancer."

Additionally, Bell provides suggestions on how students can protect themselves during the summer months.

"What folks can do is make sure they use sunscreen every day with a high SPF and use hats when they're out in the sun," Bell said. "They can wear lightweight clothing and light colors when they're out in the sun, as much as possible. If they're using sunscreen, they need to reapply frequently, and if they're sweating heavily or getting in the water, they need to make sure they continue to reapply their sunscreen."

Bell also said that staying out of the sun during the hottest part of the day, from about 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., can help prevent skin damage.

"If you can avoid being out in the sun at that particular point in time, it'll go a long way toward protecting yourself."

With cumbersome walks to class in the middle of the day and relaxing getaways to popular

spots around Austin, it's tough to avoid the wrath of the summer sun. However, Donovan hopes his situation will serve as wake-up call to many UT students and will encourage them to start protecting themselves more.

"I've got skin cancer right now under my hair, somewhere you'd never expect," Donovan said. "Be aware and realize that it's not just about using sunscreen — it can also be hereditary factors."

When asked if he had any advice to offer UT students, Donovan provided minute measures that can be taken as preventative steps.

"Definitely do a yearly check-up at a dermatologist," Donovan said. "If you have insurance, it'll cost you about \$30 to get into a dermatologist. Otherwise, check, I'm sure there's a free clinic that can help with that."

"Also, know that you don't have to have a mole to get skin cancer. A lot of people assume, 'Oh, I don't have any moles, so I'm not going to get skin cancer,'" he said. "But you can, and a lot of times it can be worse off because it's not as noticeable."

What Donovan most encourages, however, is being aware of your own body.

"The main thing, though, is just early detection, just in general," he said. "Any type of cancer, early detection is the key."

MEYER: Author encourages writers to operate 'on 20 different levels'

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on the side of [James] Joyce," whose work is notoriously labyrinthine.

"If your novel doesn't work on 20 different levels, you've failed as a writer," he said. "I want scholars to have to spend years dissecting my work, but I also want an intelligent 18-year-old to be able to pick it up and enjoy it."

For this reason, Meyer admires William Faulkner, as he claims his novel "Light In August" is both dynamic and accessible. In addition to being likened to Faulkner, Meyer has been compared to Joyce, John Steinbeck and Ernest Hemingway.

Meyer's time in Texas has been influential and has in-

spired him to begin his second project, a story that catalogs the booming oil industry in its earlier years.

"I like Texas, probably more than any place I've lived. Austin in particular," Meyer said.

As he begins to research and draft his next novel, Meyer claims there are two ingredients necessary to concoct a balanced work of fiction — passion for the subject matter, and an ability to say something compelling about the human spirit.

"What 'American Rust' says can be summed up by the epigraph, a quote by [Albert] Camus," he said. "What we learn in a time of pestilence: that there are more things to admire in men than to despise."

WHO: Classic British series easy to pick up

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Let's recall the FOX network of the '90s. In addition to "The Simpsons," you had "Married ... With Children," "Ally McBeal" and "Beverly Hills, 90210," to name a few of the network's more popular shows. Fast-forward to early 2000, and we get, "Temptation Island," "World's Wildest Police Videos" and, my favorite, "When Animals Attack!"

On a more personal note to FOX: I'm sorry, but things haven't been the same since then. I'll grant that you did do "24," "The O.C." and "House," but times have changed. I've moved on, and I think we just want different things. I liked seeing shows such as "Dollhouse" and "Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles," but I can't have you do this to me anymore. I can't have you canceling my shows.

So, I guess this means goodbye, FOX. I'll be watching your old shows on different networks that actually appreciate them.

WHAT: "Futurama"

NETWORK: Comedy Central

WHEN: Thursdays at 9 p.m.

DOCTOR WHO

In the sci-fi world, there's just a handful of revered titles like "Star Wars" and "Star Trek." So, while the title "Doctor Who" may seem more obscure to some Yankees, it's a pretty big deal to the Brits across the pond.

Actually, it's a 47-year-old big deal. The show is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest-running and most successful sci-fi show ever made, based on ratings, sales and overall Internet traffic. Quick addendum, though — "Doctor Who" hasn't been on the telly for all 47 years, but it has been around in some official form of book or radio programme throughout that time.

So, what makes this show more of a staple than fish, chips and a pint? In a word, quirkiness. It's not Monty Python with some guy running around, slapping people with fish and cross-dressing, but it would be on par with a show based on the eccentric Doc Brown from "Back to the Future."



Courtesy of BBC America

"Doctor Who" follows the adventures of a 900-year-old Time Lord who flies through space and time with a sonic screwdriver in an effort to save the universe.

Unfortunately it's difficult to explain the concept of the show without sounding like a total nutter, but here goes nothing: "Doctor Who" is about a 900-year-old, last-of-his-spe-

And while that may seem bonkers, it's also part of the Doctor's appeal. He doesn't have lightsabers or phasers he can set to kill; he only has a little blue box, a sonic screw-

ous episodes to enjoy a particular adventure, although the background knowledge will add depth to the story — and they've even started up a new season with a new head writer.

That being said, the show's more episodic style means the quality of some episodes goes on the wack. At its worst, overacting and cheesy plotlines have been known to pop up. At its best, though, the show uses science fiction not as a genre, but as a setting for an intense, dramatic adventure.

He doesn't have lightsabers or phasers he can set to kill; he only has a little blue box, a sonic screwdriver and his quick wit.


WHAT: "Doctor Who"

NETWORK: BBC America

WHEN: Saturdays at 7 p.m.

cies Time Lord, simply named "the Doctor," who flies around space and time in a blue, 1950s British police box while saving the universe with a sonic screwdriver.

driver and his quick wit. If this sounds even remotely intriguing, now is a great time to start watching this classic bit of television. You don't have to meander through all the previ-




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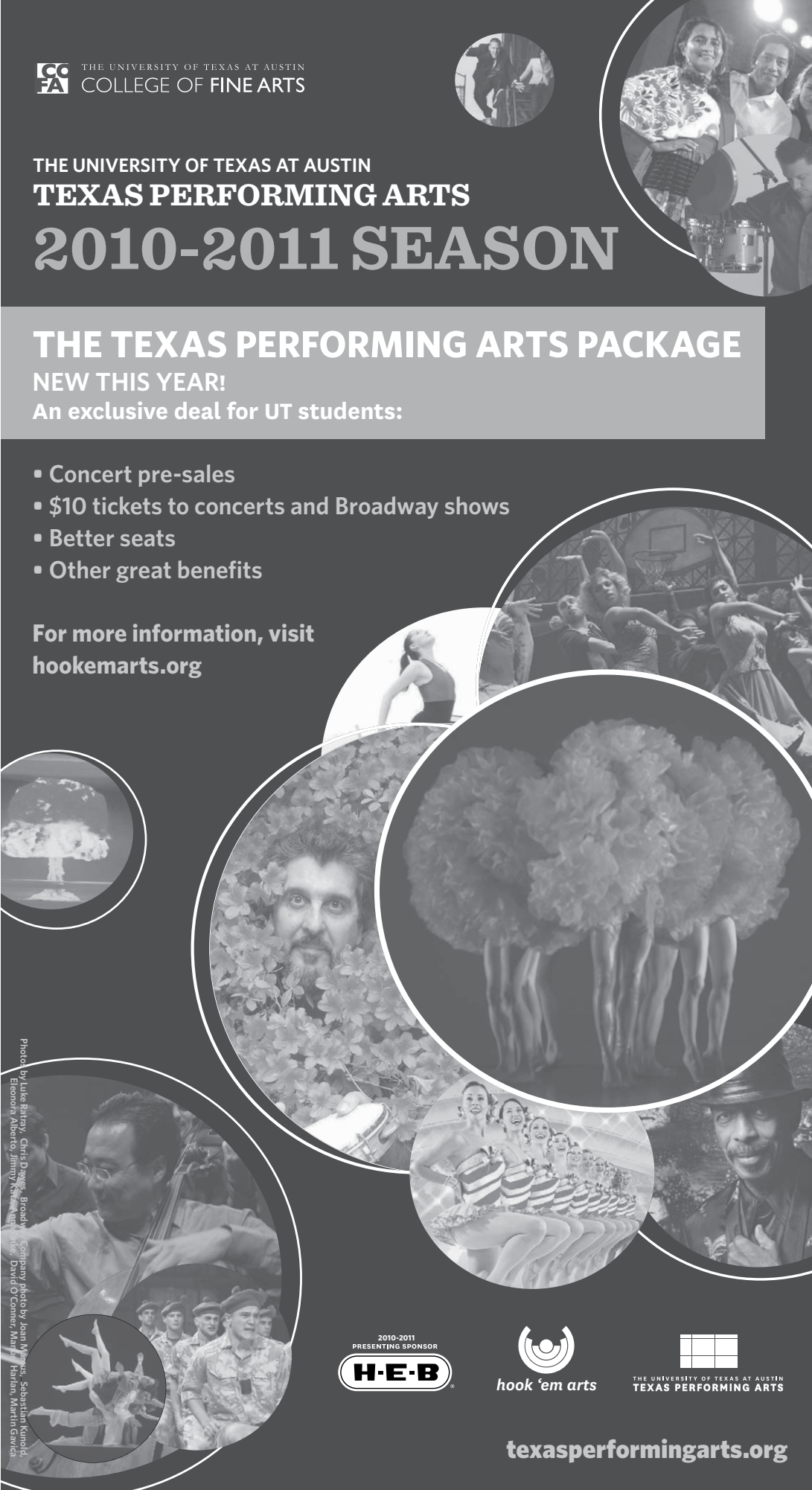
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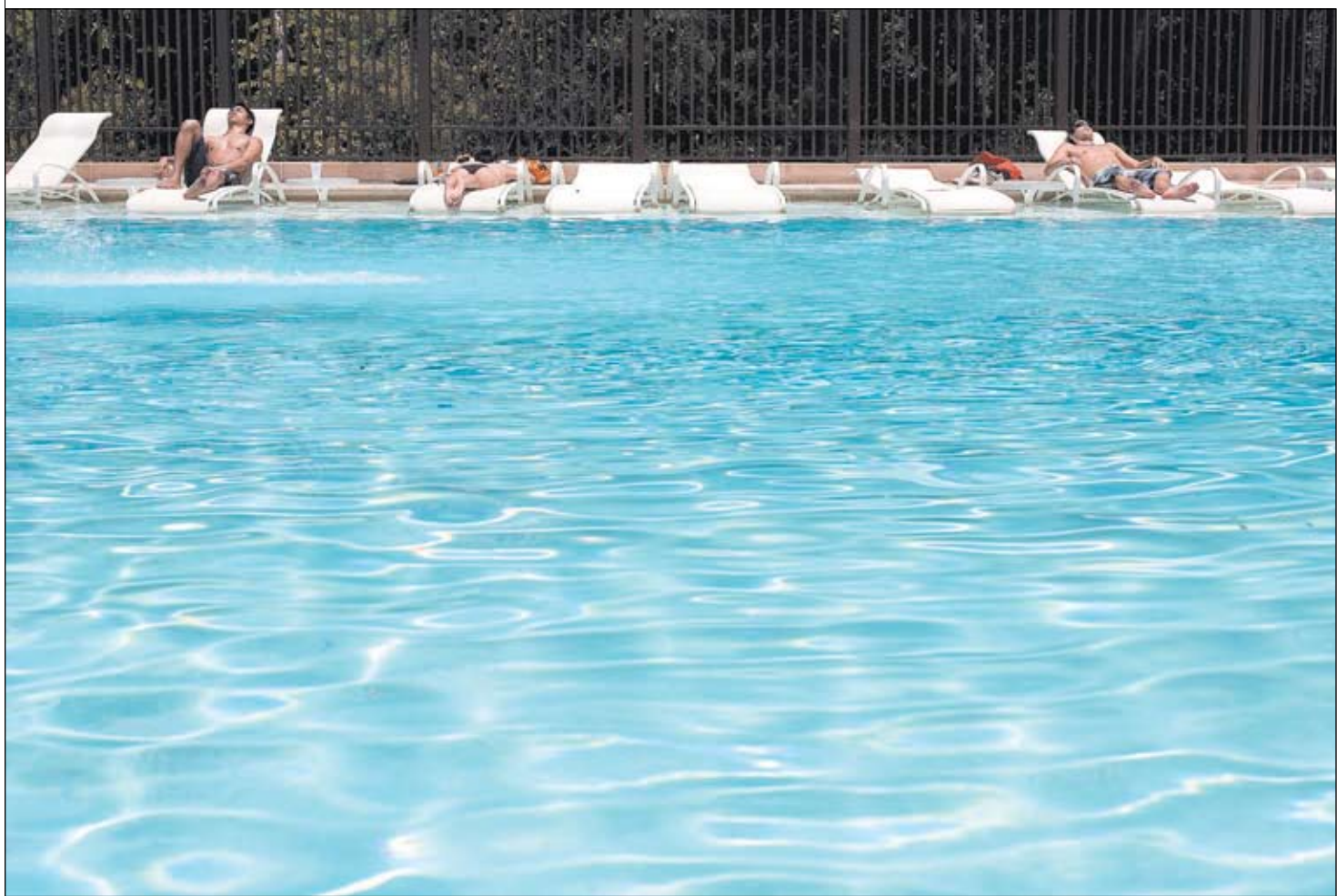


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Students sunbathe at the Gregory Gymnasium Aquatic Complex during the hottest part of the day, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Student with skin cancer uses experience to caution against sun exposure

By Jessica Whitfield
Daily Texan Staff

As summer comes into full force, many students in Austin may attempt to escape the heat by flocking to cooler locales such as Barton Springs, Hamilton Pool or even the endless line at Sno Beach.

However, with these diversions come serious ramifications, as students expose themselves to extreme forms of heat — often without proper protection.

Civil engineering junior Matt Donovan agreed to meet with The

Daily Texan to express his disbelief as, at the age of 20, he was diagnosed with skin cancer.

"It was more a shock and surprise because you go [to the doctor] every year and you think they're going to be like, 'OK, you've got the all clear.' And then, when they actually take a biopsy and call you back, it makes you think, 'Wow, I didn't realize how serious this could be.'"

Donovan was diagnosed with melanoma at the beginning of June, after he noticed that an area his dermatologist had told him to keep

an eye on had begun to grow and change. Donovan said he credits his good prognosis to early detection.

"If you don't catch it early, it can spread to other parts — like your lymph nodes and your lungs — and could become a very dangerous and deadly situation," Donovan said. "Because I caught it early, there are no issues, but they will have to test my lymph nodes just to make sure that it's not spreading. But after surgery I should be good to go."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, skin

cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, and melanoma is the third-most common type of skin cancer, especially among young people. In addition, between 65 and 90 percent of melanoma cases are caused by exposure to ultraviolet light, which is found in sunlight.

Sherry Bell, senior program coordinator at University Health Services, said anyone with unprotected sun exposure faces premature

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Alumnus makes waves with his literary debut

By Madeleine Crum
Daily Texan Staff

For Philipp Meyer, a recent alumnus of the Michener Center for Writers at UT, being named one of The New Yorker's 20 best writers under the age of 40 was simply the next step in his already flourishing career.

"I mean, it made sense," Meyer said.

After his debut novel, "American Rust," received glowing reviews from USA Today, The New York Times Book Review and The Washington Post, his placement on such a venerable list does, indeed, make sense.

"American Rust" is a rare work of art. Painting a colorful image of a middle-American town plagued with foreclosures and economic hopelessness, the novel also weaves an intricate narrative propelled by the thoughts and mistakes of the residents.

While discussing his progress as a writer, Meyer likened a career in the arts to that of a professional athlete.

"When you reach a certain point, you know you're one of the best," he said. "But the best? No. There's always room for improvement."

Despite garnering praise for his work, Meyer wasn't always on track to become one of the most prominent writers of our time. Growing up in a collapsing blue-collar neighborhood in Baltimore, Meyer dropped out of high school at 16 years old.

"My problem with formal education is that it's not a catchall," he said. "I had problems with authority. I'm very type A."

After spending five years working as a bicycle mechanic and shock-trauma center volunteer, Meyer was admitted to Cornell University, where he began his writing career while pursuing an English degree.

"My first attempt at a novel was

very long — and awful," he said. "I think every writer goes through a sort of self-indulgent phase where everything is just a thinly veiled autobiography. It's almost necessary."

After graduating, Meyer moved to New York City to become a derivatives broker at the Union Bank of Switzerland to pay off his student loans. However, working 60 hours a week at an intellectually demanding job, he found it difficult to further develop his writing and decided to leave.

"It was a difficult job to get, so it was a difficult job to leave," Meyer said. "But I didn't care about money anymore."

After two years of working as an emergency medical technician to pay the bills, writing in his free time and being swamped with rejection letters, Meyer at last received a fellowship at UT's Michener Center for Writers in 2004.

"It was a dark time," Meyer said, but he was optimistic about what the master's program had to offer creative writers. "I got into about 20 places, so I had my pick. [Center director] James Magnuson just understands what young writers need: a focus on writing, not literary criticism."

While taking workshop-style classes at the center, Meyer completed "American Rust," which was published by Spiegel & Grau in February 2009.

"It's sort of autobiographical," he said. "I grew up living two lives, in a way. I had hippie parents, but lived in a rough part of town where you had to get in fights to have a place. [The two main characters] reflect those lifestyles. More so the latter, though."

Stylistically, Meyer aims for complexity, saying that when finding a balance between simplicity and depth, it's best to "err

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'Futurama' back from the grave; 'Dr. Who' returns anew

TV TUESDAY
By Gerald Rich

FUTURAMA

From the ashes of "Futurama's" cancellation at the hands of FOX six years ago, the cartoon comedy created by the

brain behind "The Simpsons," Matt Groening, has risen again with a new season and new episodes on Comedy Central.

"We were canceled by idiots, and now we're being brought back by even bigger idiots," the "booze-fueled robot," Bender, says in the premiere.

And while the show wasn't an unrelenting series of cultur-

al references like "Family Guy," or pushing the limits of what can be shown on basic cable like "South Park," it had its own mix of absurdity and slapstick. "Futurama" was like that reliable dessert you could order at a new restaurant because there was no way it could go wrong. It even managed to rack up several Emmy Awards during its stint

on TV, one for "Best Animated Program" and one for "Best Achievement in Animation."

However, like the blind fool FOX is, in 2003 the network still decided to drop "Futurama" as it did with those other "unsuccessful" shows, like "Arrested Development," "Firefly" and "Family Guy." Except, instead of simply asking for the show to be can-

celed, it opted for the more venomous strategy of sporadically showing new episodes without much advertising before simply not buying new episodes midway through season four.

"Futurama" was picked up for syndication by Comedy Central in 2005 before its network moguls released four straight-to-DVD movies that could be chopped up and shown as episodes in 2007.

Finally, after Groening and the show's steady fan base ex-

pressed their interest in the series' continuation, new episodes were requested and the show has been slated to return Thursday with its original cast.

That being said, what's the moral of this story?

FOX still sucks. It's like that awesome friend you used to know who became involved in some bad things and who you just don't want to be around anymore.

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